

May be
compelled
to labour,
&c.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That all apprentices, except those bound to tradesmen or mechanics residing in any town, shall be compelled to perform reasonable labour in wheat, rye and hay harvests only, unless the particular contract shall be otherwise.

Widow
may assign
apprentice,
&c.

SEC. 14. *And*, whereas apprentices are not, nor is it intended that they should be, assignable, and on the death of the master, the apprentice, although he has been maintained and considerably advanced in the art of his trade, is either bound out to a new master, who derives an immediate profit from his skill and labour, or is suffered to go at large, and it is reasonable that the widow of the deceased master, if he leave any, should derive some benefit from the expense, care and instruction, given the said apprentices, *Be it enacted*, That the widow of any master of a male apprentice, bound agreeably to the directions of this act, whose time shall not have expired at the death of his master, may, with the approbation of the orphans court, if the said apprentice was bound by the trustees of the poor, by the court, or if the said apprentice was bound by his father, with the approbation of the father, assign the whole residue of the contract, on such consideration as she may agree for, to some other person of the same trade with the first master, and the new master and the apprentice, shall be bound to perform the residue of the contract, as if the new master had been an original party thereto; and the gratuity or consideration, if any, received by the widow for such apprentice's time, shall be to her own use, and shall not be considered as assets of the deceased husband; and where female children are bound out to married men, as the qualities of their wives make a leading motive for such preference, and the girls are chiefly benefitted by the care of the wives, such apprentice girls shall serve out the residue of their time with the widow, on the death of the husband, and the widow shall make good, and strictly comply with, the terms of the contract made with her deceased husband; but if the widow shall not think proper to keep such apprentice girl, then the said widow shall carry the said apprentice to the orphans court of the county, and deliver her up, when she shall be again bound out as heretofore directed by this act.

Judge, &c.
may ap-
point three
persons,
&c.

SEC. 15. *And be it enacted*, That in every case where the consent of the father cannot be obtained by the widow of any deceased master to assign the residue of the contract of any apprentice, that it shall and may be lawful for any judge, or any two justices of the peace in the county where the deceased master did last reside, to appoint three persons of the same trade or occupation with the deceased master, any two of which shall have power to value, upon oath or affirmation, the residue of